THE MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH DAY.

Monday, 23rd June 1952.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Old Public Offices, Bangalore, at Twelve of the Clock on Monday, 23rd June 1952.

Mr. Speaker (Sri H. Siddaiya, B.A., LL.B.) in the Chair.

MEMBER SWORN.

Sri H. Siddaveerappa, B.A., LL.B., (Harihar).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Personal Staff of the Chief Minister.

Q. 89.—Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Molakalmuru).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the increase or reduction in the establishment of the Personal Staff of present Chief Minister;

(*b*) whether a Private Secretary of the grade of Deputy Commissioner has been appointed to any of the Chief Ministers in any of the States in India ;

(*c*) whether there is a Personal Assistant or Personal Secretary in addition to the Private Secretary to the Chief Minister ;

(*d*) if so, his grade ;

(*e*) whether there are similar officers working in the personal establishment of other Ministers ;

(*f*) the grade of Personal Assistant or Personal Secretary of other Ministers?

A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) The personal establishment (non-gazetted) of the present Chief Minister consists of the same staff as was sanctioned to the previous Chief Minister. There is therefore neither reduction nor increase in the non-gazetted establishment.

As regards the gazetted staff, there is an increase in expenditure on account of the following arrangements :—

There is now an officer in the cadre of Deputy Commissioners (Pay Rs. 800) working as Private Secretary against an officer in the cadre of Assistant Commissioners (grade pay Rs. 300—25—500) who was working in it previously. The present Private Secretary to Chief Minister is an I. A. S. Officer and is placed in the senior time scale (Rs. 800—50—1,000—60—1,300—50—1,800) and gets a Duty Allowance of Rs. 100 per mensem.

The post of a Personal Secretary is now counted against the post of a Personal Assistant. The present incumbent being an Assistant Commissioner is placed in grade Rs. 500—25—500 and draws a Duty Allowance of Rs. 75 per mensem. The pay of the Personal Assistant is not fixed. Each incumbent draws the grade pay to which he is entitled in his parent Department plus a Duty Allowance. The previous incumbent was a gazetted officer placed in grade pay Rs. 300—25—500 and was drawing a D.A. of Rs. 50 per mensem. The grade pay and D.A. were personal to him.

(*b*) This information is being collected.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Rs. 300- 25—500.

(SRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA).

(*e*) There are only Personal Assistants on the staff of other Ministers.

(*f*) No separate grades are sanctioned to the Personal Assistants to the Ministers. All the present Personal Assistants are in grade Rs. 60—5—90) E.B. 8—130—10—180 (First Division Clerks) and draw a Duty Allowance of Rs. 35 per mensem. The Ministers have only Personal Assistants.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Sir, I request that the practice of reading out printed answers may kindly be ordered to be discontinued as it takes away a good portion of the time of this House.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—We will consider this question later on.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Has the work increased now when compared with what the previous Chief Minister was having?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—No Sir.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Was any necessity felt to have a person of the Deputy Commissioner's cadre as Private Secretary?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Yes, Sir.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Are any of the powers of the Chief Minister delegated to the Private Secretary?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—No.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—If the work is the same as before, could it not be managed by an officer of the Assistant Commissioner's cadre as before?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—No.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Does it mean that the Personal Assistant was less efficient?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I have no Personal Assistant.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—You have mentioned here,

> "The post of a Personal Secretary is now counted against the post of a Personal Assistant. The present incumbent being an Assistant Commissioner is placed in grade etc."

What is the nomenclature? Personal Secretary, is it?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Yes.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Was there any Personal Assistant or Private Secretary before?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Even before, there were two officers.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—What is the total increase per mensem on account of this new change?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I have given the figures. It is merely a matter of simple calculation.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—If any other Minister needs an officer of that grade, will he be entitled to have an officer of such grade, or is it only the Chief Minister who could have such officers?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Sir, this is not a question of anybody being entitled to a certain set of officers on their staff. It is a question of running the administration efficiently.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Are we to hope that by this addition or change, our efficiency will be increased?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Certainly.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN (Chamrajpet).—Is there any precedent for this appointment, at least in the Mysore State?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Yes.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY (Mysore City South).—What is the nature of the work of the Private Secretary?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—He does the work of the Private Secretary.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—Will you kindly elucidate the duties?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—This hour is intended to answer questions and not for elucidating information.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—What is the difference between Personal Assistant and Private Secretary?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—The names themselves indicate the difference.